

The RECIRCULATOR

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Certified Pool/Spa Operator® (CPO®) Courses – April - August 2009

Sponsor	Dates	Location	Contact	Address	Telephone
Iowa Parks & Recreation Association	April 14-15 May 12-13 June 9-10	Clear Lake Cedar Rapids Fort Dodge	Cathy Shutts	1534 Penrose St Grinnell, IA 50112 E-mail: cshutts@pcpartner.net	(641)236-3917 Fax: (641)236-6779
SLC Pool Consultants	April 7-8 April 21-22 June 24-25	Council Bluffs Des Moines Des Moines	Steve Craig	Swimming Pool Supply 5292 NW 111th Drive Grimes, IA 50111 E-mail: steve@spspools-spas.com	(515)986-3931
Certified Pool Trainers of Iowa & Minnesota	April 15-16 May 19-20	Decorah Altoona	John Szymanski	65910-267 th Street Alden MN 56009-4211	(800)253-7235 Fax: (507)863-2367

Check with the individual training organizations, your inspection agency, or the Iowa Department of Public Health at (515)281-8722 for courses that may be scheduled later.

Iowa Rule Changes to Implement Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB)

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has submitted proposed amendments to the swimming pool and spa rules (641—Chapter 15, Iowa Administrative Code) to reflect provisions of the federal VGB. The rule changes are necessary to give the IDPH and local inspection agencies the authority to enforce VGB requirements.

The amendments will be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin (<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/aspx/BulletinSupplement/bulletinListing.aspx>) on April 8. There will be a public hearing on April 28 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in Room 513 on the west side of the Lucas State Office Building, 321 E 12th Street, Des Moines. A copy of the proposed rules is on the IDPH Web site at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/swimming_pools.asp. You can comment on the proposed rules by mail or e-mail to:

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The rules add new definitions, primarily from ASME/ANSI A112.19.8a-2008, and add the ASME standard as a reference. For existing pools and spas, the rules say:

1. Fully submerged outlets must be covered with cover/grates that meet the ASME standard or that are certified to the standard by an engineer.
2. The flow capacity of the cover/grates installed must be at least 100% for a single drain and 200% for multiple drains.
3. Purchase and product information must be kept at the facility for at least 5 years. We are recommending that facilities photograph the parts before and after they are installed.
4. A pool with a single drain that is not unblockable and that is directly connected to a pump will be closed unless the drain has a VGB compliant cover and another approved entrapment prevention method (most commonly a safety vacuum release system [SVRS]).
5. A facility may close a pool main drain with the

approval of IDPH. The information that must be submitted to IDPH is specified in the rules.

Design requirements for new pools and spas are included. The amendments also address spray pad grates (not regulated by VGB).

Questions about the rules should be directed to Michael Magnant at the IDPH, (515)281-8722, mmagnant@idph.state.ia.us.

More Grate Choices Available

The manufacturers of pool and spa cover/grate have been scrambling to get product available for the upcoming swimming season. Over the last two weeks we have received additional information about the availability of custom cover/grates in plastic and in

stainless steel. Some companies are expanding their product lines to give more options to facilities.

It's important that facilities managers monitor the Consumer Product Safety Commission Web site, <http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/vgb/draincman.html>, for the companies that have VGB compliant cover/grates. Check at the individual company sites for the available products. Managers should evaluate proposals from pool service companies based on the information and, if the manager sees a possible alternative, he or she should discuss the alternative with the pool service company.

Contact IDPH with questions about products and VGB compliance at (515)281-8722, mmagnant@idph.state.ia.us.

Continuing Education Courses – January - June 2009

Sponsor	Dates	Location	Contact	Address and Telephone	Credit
Iowa Parks & Recreation Association	April 7 April 13 May 11 June 8	Coralville Clear Lake Cedar Rapids Fort Dodge	Cathy Shutts	1534 Penrose St Grinnell, IA 50112 (641)236-3917 E-mail: cshutts@pcpartner.net	2.5 hours
SLC Pool Consultants	April 7 April 13 May 4	Council Bluffs Des Moines Des Moines	Steve Craig	Swimming Pool Supply 5292 NW 111th Drive Grimes, IA 50111 (515)986-3931 E-mail: steve@spspools-spas.com	2.0 hours
Certified Pool Trainers of Iowa & Minnesota	April 17 May 21	Decorah Altoona	John Szymanski	65910-267 th Street Alden MN 56009-4211 (800)253-7235	4.0 hr

Remember that Certified Pool Operators[®] in Iowa must obtain 10 hours of continuing education in the five years between renewals of the CPO[®] certificate. The individual CPO[®] must maintain a record of the continuing education. The record must be available to the inspection agency at each facility for which the CPO[®] is responsible.

Check with the sponsoring organization for the subject matter at these courses and for courses scheduled later.